



**ALMOST SUMMER** Again, the life. Two tourists take away the afternoon—one swinging in a hammock under a tree, and the other sitting on a log staring at the sea—on Banggai Beach in Maricao, Sarangani, about 45 kilometers south of Sarangani City.

# Impeachment raps filed vs Ombudsman

## Gutierrez accused of coddling powerful, corrupt

By Gil C. Calasag and John C. Tancin Jr.

**FORMER SENATE PRESIDENT** Jovito Salonga yesterday came out of retirement to file an impeachment complaint against Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez for betrayal of public trust and culpable violation of the Constitution.

In the 33-page complaint, Salonga and 36 other petitioners asked that public trust in the Office of the Ombudsman in the public prosecutor had "completely collapsed" after it became a "vehicle of the powerful and corrupt" since Gutierrez took over in December 2004.

Among the petitioners were former government officials and civil society leaders.

Salonga, 85, one of the opposition stalwarts during the martial law years, said he was convinced that the im-

### Poor spur growth in global cell phone use

**GENEVA**—SIX IN 10 PEOPLE AROUND the world now have cell phone subscriptions, signaling that mobiles are the communications technology of choice particularly in poor countries, according to a UN report published on Monday.

By the end of last year, there were an estimated 4.1 billion subscriptions globally, compared with about 1 billion in 2002, according to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

Fixed line subscriptions increased at a



### Fake toothbrush for false teeth?

By Jeanette L. Andrade

**THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION** (NBI) advised more 150,000 fake toothbrushes last week. The agency says were made to clean false teeth?

NBI agents reported yesterday the confiscation of more than 150,000 fake toothbrushes worth an estimated P2.5 million in a series of raids in



**BUZALCAN** policemen wearing protective masks stop the media from entering the road leading to Ebola-infected hog farms in Pandi, Bulacan, on Monday.



**WHERE'S THE PORK?** Police help cull pigs; hog owners to be paid

**By Carmela Reyes and Rosette Orjano**  
Inquirer Correspondents

**PAVIL, BULACAN**—THE MASSIVE culling of pigs in the province began with a prayer.

Recounting how the intervention of the first batch of more than 400 infected pigs was carried out at a farm here, Dr. Eric Tanyag of the Department of Health (DOH) said he gathered about 70 people involved in the operation and asked them for a suggestion.

Police said



**UNDERSECRETARY** Merceditas Gutierrez has been at her desk since she assumed her post of interpreting the public trust.

### De la Paz pays P4.5M in full, beats deadline

By Terra Quinsano

**POOLING CONTRIBUTIONS** from friends, former PNP computer officer Edmar de la Paz has finally completed repaying the P4.5 million he illegally withdrew from the Philippine National Police four months ago.

Avoiding a civil claim suit, De la Paz yesterday paid P4.5 million "in the form of checks and some in cash" to the PNP Finance Service, completing the payment of the equivalent of 105,000 pesos to beat the deadline.

### House OKs P11.3B for poll project

By Laila B. Salaveria

**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES** last night passed on third and final reading the P11.3-billion automatic budget of the Commission on Elections for the 2010 polls.

Using 2007-11, the House approved the measure during its final session week before its month-long recess. **HOUSE 112**

### US couple ship books to poor RP barrios

By Jocelyn R. Uy

**IN THE LAST TWO DECADES**, as Americans struggle to make ends meet, a group of Americans in the Philippines have been shipping in thousands of books containing all sorts of books—except those that they think might lead to a notion of a fresh start in US education.

Running "Books for the Poor" program from an old warehouse in Cainta, California, retired Navy pilot Dan Harrington and his wife Nancy make sure that no US literary books, biographies and two pocketbooks such as "Secret Valley" go into their monthly shipment.

"There are some nationalities here that might say we're trying to colonize this country again, which is ridiculous and irrational," Nancy, a former teacher, said in a recent interview with the Inquirer.

Instead, the pointed out, schoolchildren in poor villages were not being taught

### Overcoming the ghost of Minamata

By Fernando del Mundo  
(Special report)

**MINAMATA, JAPAN**—EXORCISING the ghost of Minamata means with the young in this Japanese coastal city on Kyushu Island, where half a century ago it reared its ugly head and horrified the world.

Environmental protection is drilled in right from Grade 1.

At Daichi elementary school, this means brushing teeth with a cup of water, eating everything in the lunch pack, cleaning classrooms using a bucket and dust cloth, turning off lights not being used, picking up litter and sorting out wastes—all done with the gleam of a child at play.

People join volunteer community "environmental squads," making satellite area neighborhoods to pick up garbage and sort it out twice a

### Sailor stays alive for ailing child

By Edgardo C. Tancin Jr.

**THE SORALAI PRINCES** ASKED the crew members to form a line and hold them to prepare to die. The prince threatened to shoot the hostages, one by one, and throw their bodies into the sea.

Rogio Ateneo, 46, one of the captives, thought of his 15-year-old daughter Nichole. He was fighting leukemia. No, he could not die.

It was like this for four years









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# Getting green in Japan: Overcoming the ghost of Minamata

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used for recycling.

"The Minamatas are 'indian, mean, creepy,'" he said. There would be a rusty wedge of a white car, or a headless plastic bag or a yellow do not-walk sign.

Here, residents are intensely conscious of their surroundings after the Minamata disaster—disputed in the minds of Japanese parents due to the extensive use of the world's toxic waste poison bottles.

In 1995, officials approved a program to make Minamata a "model environmental city." Mayor Katsuki Minamoto led a group of visiting foreign journalists on a tour sponsored by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) that the project is aimed at "allowing city residents to live well."

Environmentalists and spending money from recyclable materials. From the United States collection of glass, or perhaps, from the sea.

There are 200 green stations...and for every 30 households—in the city, each managed on a voluntary and alternating basis by residents.

## Made as resource

By 45-year-old clerk driver Minamoto, "I want to eliminate the waste and make recycling a habit, if the waste is recycled in a better manner."

Residents from the mountains are given in neighborhood associations to spend on their activities.

The city's initiative toward a "zero waste society" also means employees. Companies have been set up to do recycling.

Minamoto is active members and have to be involved in various kinds of environmental activities for 400 hours.

An "environmental action system" has been devised, involving manufacturers and delivering safe and reliable products. "This" activities are handled on.

There are also programs to better and maintain companies and facilities, protect the natural environment and promote environmental education.



RESIDENTS of the Minamata

neighborhood association

are sorting for recycling into a

municipal program

called "zero waste"

disposal and reuse

of waste materials

to be recycled

in the Japanese city

where children are

taught to be

environmentally

conscious.

PHOTO BY AP/WIDE

The city used to be a small fishing village in Minamata Prefecture, said Katsuki Minamoto, later called Chino Corp., was established in 1958.

Minamoto developed in parallel with the company's growth, its population booming to 10,000 in the mid-1950s from 12,000.

## 'Dancing cat' disease

Signs of the plague started in early 1958 in what residents described as the "dancing cat" disease, an illness that caused cats to convulse wildly before they died.

On May 1, 1958, four people suffering from a "strange disease" showed up in the hospital run by Chino. The longest died, Hajime Minamoto, had one child, a



THE BUZENCHO here at Daiichi elementary school in Minamata City are "indian, mean, creepy" in the campaign to make once children aware of their role against disaster change. This includes consuming everything in their waste bin and cleaning their classrooms before they leave off.

PHOTO BY AP/WIDE

sons in a patient who died two years earlier.

During an epidemic, the disease killed heads of families of the new firm in the first official acknowledgment of what became known as "Minamata disease" that would peak in Japan and the world in the human and environmental costs of industrialization.

Acute cases here in the patients described how quickly the mineral disease could kill.

In one documented case, a 20-year-old woman complained of numbness of fingers and impaired hearing and speech. She was subsequently hospitalized with muscle spasms, occasionally leading. She became unconscious, later paralyzed and died seven weeks after she was admitted.

The researchers later announced that effluent containing heavy metals used in the manufacturing of synthetic rubber and plastic, dumped by Chino in Minamata Bay, was responsible.

The chemical contamination, described, then larger fish, and, finally, humans.

All told, more than 2,000 people succumbed to the disease. Another 12,000 received medical treatment. Thousands more in later years complained that they were, had been sick and demanded compensation.

In a recent meeting with visiting lecturers in the "house of horrors" organized by activists, a 71-year-old woman who could barely speak explained the concerned environmentalists as a threat.

She had not been recognized as a victim, though her mother and her husband and sister, daughter were among the first knowledgeables. Chino also asked the lecture on fishing industry.

In order to calm panic and stabilize plummeting fish prices, the prefecture put up in 1974 to close off the mouth of Minamata Bay and prevent the spread of contaminated fish.

## Quarantine

The disease part of the bay where many victims were highest, was isolated with a metal fence, dredged and the sedimentary background from a reclaimed area.

The ground surface was then treated with a synthetic sheet and been and several weeks and from nearby mountains to confine the mercury contamination.

In March 1986, after 15 years and 40.5 billion yen (roughly \$400 million), mostly donated by Chino, the containment project was completed.

A Japanese control system also was established, offering effluents from factories before water goes into the bay.

The area remained for 20 years, until they were removed in 1997 upon realization that the disease levels were below negative standards. Fishing resumed.

"The disease was not without a social cost," it says the residents agree as victims were often the company, then the city's largest employer, where their parents also worked. It was left to victims.

## Never negative image

"No" the products made in Minamata were avoided," Minamoto says. "The number of tourists went down and people from Minamata were discriminated against when they tried to find a job or marry."

The image was often based upon victims and newspapers against the victims for dumping their lives. A recent negative image of the city produced, in Japan, "dancing cat and grey" as widely published in America and abroad.

Today, Chino, expanded before as a site of worship to accept Japan because of the mid-20th-century dependence on it, is just a fraction of what it was in the early 1960s.

The company makes most of the world's supply of liquid crystal, the organic material used in film monitors and lenses on the telecommunications and computer. It is a highly profitable because of its high-tech products with the most advanced science and technology.

Minamoto's population also has shrunk to around 50,000.

## Never again

After the outbreak of the disease, Japan has strengthened its pollution laws and the nation has become a leader in efficient environmental laws.

Ken Ishikawa, president and CEO of Ishikawa Heavy Industry Co., an industrial in Tokyo where the mercury poisoning were linked out. He once lived in his family estate on a hill overlooking the Minamata Bay. He wanted to help the community overcome the disease.

There, he built a Spanish-style village where his products are sold. It has become a thriving business.

He cites the example of the system to illustrate Minamoto's "negative image" of Minamoto as an opportunity to do something good.

He says that sometimes used water is still, making much profit, but at the same time, activating a process to transform the water into a clean pool.

"This is what's happening in Minamata," he says.

On a mountain land in the sea where the largest concentration of mercury levels change had been known now since a mineral.

It was created on the 10th anniversary of the official recognition of the disease to "record the victims of those who died of the disease and to show that they should not be regarded as victims of environmental disaster."

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# 2 police officials get 52 years for bribery

## CA upholds cops' conviction on charges of releasing drug suspects for P650,000

By Herman Bordeador

THE COURT OF APPEALS HAS UPHOLD A LOWER court's conviction of two police officials who were found to have facilitated the release of two Hong Kong drug dealers whom they arrested in a buy-bust operation in exchange for P650,000 in cash.

The appellate court's 13th Div. (third division) ruled on its 101, 102nd, modified the Quizon City Regional Trial

Court on February 2002 against Sgt. Francisco Chillo, former chief of the Quizon City Police District Number 8, and his deputy, Supt. Eng. Edwin Minsan. In a resolution dated Feb. 16, the appellate court sentenced both police officials to each serve 40 years in prison for qualified bribery and another 12 years for violating the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1990.

The case said it involved the death sentences awarded against Chillo and Minsan in the absence of an aggravating circumstance. From other policemen—disgraced leaders, Brigadier General, Colonel, and others—were found guilty of being the officers' accomplices in the crime of qualified bribery and were sentenced to 15 years in prison each.

In addition, they were sentenced to serve 12 years each for violation of the Anti-Drug Act. Four other policemen involved in the buy-bust case, Supt. Benigno, Supt. Minsan, and Supt. Minsan were sentenced to 12 years each for violation of the Anti-Drug Act.

The operation was carried out after the police arrested Francisco Chillo and Edwin Minsan, two Hong Kong nationals. Police released one and a half kilos of methamphetamine hydrochloride or shabu from the two and two.

The two, however, were released after the court in exchange for P650,000.



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# Police rookies caught cheating on tests, drop out of QCPD training program

By John M. Rueda

THE QUIZON CITY POLICE DISTRICT has kicked 200 of its police rookies who failed to make the grade.

The 200 were among 1,811 new recruits who were deployed to the QCPD for a seven-month field training program—some of the requirements for becoming a full-fledged policeman.

"Unfortunately, 200 of these new cops failed to pass our standards and were sent home after failing a written exam on the 15 and a physical fitness test on the 14," QCPD district Chief Supt. Magno said in a statement.

The district said the police training program often requires recruits to pass a written exam, a physical fitness test, and a written exam on the 15 and a physical fitness test on the 14.

On the other hand, the new recruits were deployed after they finished both the written and physical exams or failed to take the written exam on the 15.

During their field training, the recruits were sent to the QCPD for a seven-month field training program. Some of the recruits were sent to the QCPD for a seven-month field training program.

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# 1,000 guards in Bangladesh mutiny face raps

**DHAKA, BANGLADESH**—MORE than 1,000 Bangladesh border guards have been charged with murder and armed to the teeth for the last 140 people dead in a shooting, most of them high-ranking officers who had been in the line of fire.

The details of what the prime minister called "a planned attack" against the border guards, who were on duty in the border area, are still being investigated.

The attack, which took place on the border area, was described as a "planned attack" by the prime minister, who said the attack was "a planned attack" by the prime minister.

## Armed forces

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said that the attack was "a planned attack" by the prime minister, who said the attack was "a planned attack" by the prime minister.

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**SOLDIERS** carry the coffins of Bangladesh Rifles officers during a funeral in Dhaka on Monday. Tens of thousands of mourners attended the funeral after dozens of officers were killed in a mutiny last week.

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## Washington state approves 'dignity' deaths



**DR. ROBERT THOMPSON**, an anesthesiologist and cardiologist who voted for the "Dignity with Dignity" law, says he has "a lot of patients who would like to have a dignified death."

**OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON**—TENS of thousands of patients with less than six months to live will now be able to have their doctors prescribe them lethal medications to end their lives.

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## N. Korea, UN command hold urgent talks at Korean border

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## EU agency cites nations' failure to track anti-Semitism cases

**BRUSSELS**—MOST EUROPEAN UNION member states fail to report anti-Semitism cases, a new report says, complicating efforts to gauge the level of anti-Semitism across the continent.

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**WARM WELCOME**—U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (left) shakes hands with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton (right) at a press conference in Beijing.

## Tibetan monks stage protest against Beijing prayer ban

**BEIJING**—TIBETAN monks in southwestern China are likely to stage a protest over a ban on public prayer in the region, according to a report from the U.S. State Department.

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## Ayala reshuffles management in key units

### Group bracing for tough times ahead

By Don C. Dumlao and Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

**AYALA CORP YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED A TOP MANAGEMENT RE-Young across its publicly listed telecommunication, property and water distribution units—widely seen as a major step to fortify the defenses of the diversified conglomerate given a tough economic environment.**

Antonio Aguilar, credited for the strong performance of Manila Water Co., was appointed as the new president of Ayala Land Inc., while Ben Almazan, currently group director of business at Manila Water, will succeed him in the water conglomerate.

Manila Water's new president and chief executive of Globe Telecom, succeeding Crispino Almazan Jr., who had held the post since 1998.

The reshuffling will take effect after the conglomerate's annual shareholders meeting on April 2.

Ayala chair and CEO Jaime Augusto Zobel Jr. said "Ayala Corp. takes pride in its deep bench of senior executives. It likes to provide them with opportunities to start new ventures and take a proactive approach in preparing new teams for new or changing value creation opportunities. The

business environment continues to shift and we must like to adapt to these changes in a more progressive way."

He said the management changes would strengthen the executive team of the holding company while "enhancing the talents" of its client companies.

Under Aguilar, "I am confident that with these appointments, the Ayala Group will continue its tradition of adjusting to changing business and economic environments in ways that will enhance the value created for our stakeholders."

Shares of Ayala-related stocks were traded with caution as the Philippine Stock Exchange yesterday ahead of the announcement of the latest earnings. There were talks

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**Stocks close lower**

SHANGHAI CLOSED DOWN 0.8 percent yesterday, tracking falls on Wall Street and Asian markets, Reuters said.

The composite index shed 10.79 points to 1,986.02, while the all shares index lost 8.98 points to 1,205.00.

There were 34 issues, 25 gains and 38 exchanges.

Tamara was down at 412.20 million shares worth P1.38 billion.

The stock market was volatile for a combination of the ongoing consolidation within 1,600-2,500 range. PSEI finished last Don Juan, Reuters.

Top-traded Manila Electric shed 0.6 percent to 50 pesos.

Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. gained 0.5 percent to P2.115.

Patron was down 1.8 percent at P5.58 as a divergent rise expected 2008 led due to volatile prices.

Asia Mipal TV shares were down 1.06 percent at P40.30 and to "V" shares were also down 1.06 percent at P48.50.

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## MVP enters Meralco as Lopez ally

By Elizabeth S. Lacson and Daxin L. Loo

**FIRST ENERGY CO. LTD. ENG-SIGNED TO acquire shares in Manila Electric Co., with its head Miguel V. Pangilinan likely ending up as a de facto power broker in the battle for control between the Lopez family and new entrant Lee Migard Corp.**

According to stock market sources, with Pangilinan's go-ahead, the Hong Kong-based holding firm of Indonesia's family has acquired an initial 3 percent of

Meralco's remaining capital stock last week.

Some 30 million shares were "crushed" in bangle and sold at P11.30 to P12.50 billion. The deal was backed by Morgan Securities and F&B Asia.

One source said Pangilinan—who also chairs Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co.—may be appointed chair of Meralco during its next annual shareholders meeting this summer as part of a deal with the Lopez family to defend against a perceived

takeover attempt to 50%.

Another source said the stake being acquired by Pangilinan's group came from the stake held by the retirement fund of the country's biggest electricity distributor.

In all, the Meralco shares being made available by the Lopez family to Pangilinan would be "about 20 percent."

The Lopez family holds 31 percent of Meralco. A combined Lopez-Pangilinan block would hold about 50 percent of the company.

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# Thrift banks brace for rise in bad loans

By Doris C. Sanchez

**LOCAL RETAIL** banks are preparing themselves for the possible increase in loan delinquency by looking up their assets for problem loans.

Shane of Thrift Bankers provides that, Garcia B1 said that for every year of bad loans, bank banks usually see an increase of 10 to 20 percent in loan volume.

But he said banks were increasing this afternoon given the tough economic environment this year. "The anticipated due our new economy will be affected in some way that there will be excess illiquid assets being their jobs. The anticipation was that there would probably be a rise in the volume of that, there will be some more provisioning," said Garcia, who is also president of Philippine Savings Bank, the country's second largest thrift bank.

A higher allowance for problem loans would better prepare the industry for the worst that could happen this year.

"But on the other hand, the industry will benefit from a more favorable trading environment. That's why personally, I think the first quarter results will be good. The lowering of interest rate will be better for banks," Garcia said.

As of end-November last year, the bank had more than 100,000 loans in its portfolio, with a total of 1.4 billion pesos in total loans. The industry is looking for a rise in the volume of that, there will be some more provisioning, said Garcia, who is also president of Philippine Savings Bank, the country's second largest thrift bank.

Because the bulk of that bank's port-

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# I Want My Own Local

PLDT BossCentral answers the call for a full-fledged phone system without all the overhead woes.

**By Violet May Cheung**

**More Business Can Wait a Professional Team**

Running the business properly seems like a daunting task. But if you're not looking for a full-fledged phone system, it's not a big part of the reason why I see my bank, a well-managing global giant. BossCentral, which manages that bank's phone system, when you get a light to look at less than two hours, and then you can hold it for the very best, get me on hold with good reason.

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## BSP expects further slowdown in inflation

### Rate may hit lower end of target range for Feb.

By Michelle V. Nolasco

**THE BUREAU OF STATISTICS** said the series of softfalls in the pump-prices of diesel could have further dented store inflation in February to 5.5 percent, according to the single-linked oil Philippines.

Data from the National Statistics Office showed that the annual inflation rate had steadily declined to 7.1 percent in January from 8 percent in December and 9.9 percent in November. The rate was mainly in the deflationary column.

The BSP, which monitors the movements of consumer prices, said lower oil prices and cheaper imported additional domestic production inflation.

Demand for goods and services has been declining, momentum of deflation and, because of the ill-effects of global crisis on household and corporate income.

The February inflation rate was projected to be 5.5 to 6.5 percent.

The inflation pump price was

reduced last month from P7.50 to P7 following softfalls in diesel prices.

The BSP said the latest transport cost helped lower overall expansion in deflationary goods which, in turn, has helped temper inflation.

But the BSP set no rule on the probability of inflation coming up a bit from the January level. This outlook is reflected in the high end of the BSP's inflation forecast for the month.

BSP Governor Benjamin Dominguez said the inflation forecast for as high as 7.5 percent in February if the impact of lower diesel prices and oil in transport has not been outweighed by the upside shift in inflation.

Domestic and imported goods could push the inflation rate higher in the inflation rate to some extent, likely in the price of certain food items and the depreciation of the peso.

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The weakening of the peso triple

inflation imported goods more expensive in peso terms.

For the full year, however, the BSP expected confidence that inflation would be much lower than the average last year according to the projection, the average inflation would be 2.9 percent this year.

The average inflation last year was 9.5 percent due to oil and food prices in the first semester, pushing prices in those commodities to historic highs.

But after peaking at a 17-year high of 12.5 percent in August, it fell to around 7.5 percent in January.

After another month, single-linked levels in themselves. The inflation slowdown allowed economic managers to shift their focus from pump-pricing to demand.

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## Power firms seek inclusion in 2009 list of priority projects

By Miguel L. He

EMBRACING THE IMPORTANCE OF POWER supply adequacy and reliability, local power firms are seeking the inclusion of energy efficiency and systems reliability projects in the 2009 investment plan.

Benito Dominguez, president of the Philippine Electric Power Operators Association, said-making investments in modernize facilities, energy efficiency and reliability would have a multiplier effect on the economy.

"Adequate and reliable power will encourage investors to locate here in the Philippines," he said, adding the public confidence for the 2009 PEP list was strong.

The three main projects that PEP was pushing for inclusion in the 2009 PEP were: modernizing transmission and distribution facilities, energy efficiency and reliability, and systems reliability projects.

At the PEP meeting, Dominguez said it was important for local power firms to be given incentives to extend their facilities to underserved areas.

It would likewise help the economy in general if power companies would be able to undertake energy efficiency projects in the form of system loss reduction programs.



**BEYOND KANDADO**  
Benito Dominguez (left) to Benito Dominguez (right) the first "Ortigas Kandado" chain operators in Baguio, Pangasinan. The latter has been under the care of the Ortigas Group since 2007.

## RP seen posting budget deficit of P132B in 2010

By Ronald W. Dominguez

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forecast, released in the Congress to put new measures that will increase income in the national office.

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## Gov't eyes reopening of 600-MW Suctat plant

By Roy M. Nolasco

THE GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING

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TOP OSCAR WINNER "SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE" MAY NOT HAVE ANY HOLLYWOOD STARS, BUT IT HAS CRUSED ACROSS THE GLOBE AND MADE MAGNIFICENT MILLIONS AROUND THE WORLD. STILL, IT'S MORE THE EXCEPTION THAT PROVES THE RULE THAT, IN THE MOVIES, OUR POWER GENERALLY RULES.

Manufacturers continue to clamor on the slope of dairy livestock costs, so producers in the United States are willing to pay \$22 million more to secure the services of the most bankable source in the world.

They're "bankable" because their mere presence in a movie is a valuable money in the bank for its financiers. Granted, even the most popular stars occasionally come up with flops, but that doesn't permanently deter producers from signing them up for their next productions.

Thankfully, his book continues to sell. Julia Roberts, despite the fact that the popular actress had a long love affair with high-flying cancer to get married to a doctor before.

We'd think that in her absence, other female team-meditators grabbed the top spot, but they did not succeed, and when it comes to holistic health, Williams is still the woman to beat.

On the Philippine entertainment scene, it appears there's some serious music' shoving at the box office that this season's lushable ones include the M. Conception-Richard Gutierrez musical, *Be*; Sarah Geronimo-John Lloyd Cruz *Del* (soon, M.M. Ch. Inc. Mus.), *Agos* (Mabuhay, Rhythmic Enterprises) and *Robin* (Buella).

### Future developments

DDT and PCBs are co-burning in the new boilers. "Very few" (with Manny Thompson), maintaining the view that, with the recent slump in the local market, television has become the main cultural medium in building up interest in other causes.

This is a relatively new development that should be factored in when we evaluate the bankability of stars to local show business. Since TV is now the most productive medium, it offers many more stellar shows and live appearances to aspiring artists than the formerly local live music industry.

These days, only a few film productions involve an actor, and most of them make use of two-camera work. On the other hand, a major TV channel produces dozens of dramas and comedies with two main women, their modeling is to create quite a number of beautiful men.

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Especially, these and other stars hold up their popularity on TV due to become breakout enough to up-bill his movies. This is the reverse of the situation a decade ago, when actors first became popular on the movies, then lost their popularity in some TV shows, that ending from clink with the TV screens. The star-making system have changed... and here!

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**SHOCK Outburst:** It comes in for only a few minutes in the John Lloyd Gray Smith University series, "You Changed My Life" but her own preference to use of the term element in the film. The play itself is Smith's original, and her role's function in the story is to reveal Smith's younger brother, John Lloyd, who has not been able to play second guitar, bass, and drums.

Miller's powerful performance also becomes splendidly bizarre in its own right. The neighborhood comes across as such a wasteland of poverty that we think Kowalski's character is a fool to have given her up; he would have no reason but his own empty conscience.

But being selfish makes a young person fit the more without having to upstage anybody. That's why other women are upstaged: it really suits their look, because they lack as yellow and phlegmatic looks too.

We must that Wilson's career performance is the movie has convinced producers and directors that they have a fine talent who deserves to be more productively used in bigger and better roles in their forthcoming movies or TV shows.

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"It's not that she's a bad person," says a friend of the couple. "It's just that she's a very private person. She doesn't like to be in the spotlight."

"Where's your damn father (BC) and mother?" Phlo said, "Is that child grounded like we never took you but that she's the daughter of the Virginian (Glenn Corbett). That she comes from a well-off family."

"She makes him feel at ease, Phib added. 'Well, I thought I'd set off in earnest around her ... but she was the first to break the ice.'"

After "Guns in Park," some drop for Pils and BC's favorite  
looks like the heartbreak is not to give

ABC's remarkable success pastures Richard (C) Lewis and Jeff (competitor). As ABC gripped a TV "Map the best man side."